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For: USE OF COMPOUNDS FOR TREATING CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM INJURY TO THE CORNEAL NERVE AFTER LASIK AND OTHER OCULAR SURGERIES OR TRAUMA

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 26, 2008

Sir:

This Paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2008, for which the three-month date for response is March 26, 2009.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Alcon Laboratories Deposit Account No. **010682**.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

There are no Amendments to the Specification in this paper. Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper. There are no Amendments to the Drawings in this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.